

T O  
THE KINGS

MOST EXCELLENT MAIESTY.

THE HUMBLE

PETITION

OF THE  
CLOTHIERS OF THE

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK AND  
ESSEX, AND DIVERS OTHER IN-

habitants of the aforesaid County, delivered to his

Majesty at Greenwich, Feb. 10. In the behalfe of  
themselves, and many thousands of that

County that would have accompanied  
them, but have forbore, in obedi-

ence to a late Order of the

house of Commons con-

cerning that County.

*With the Kings most gracious Answer to the aforesaid Petition.*

A L S O,

Their Petition to the House of Peers, concerning the  
bringing of Delinquents to their Tryall.

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TO  
**THE KINGS MOST**  
EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

*The humble Petition of the Clothiers of the Countie  
of Suffolke, and of the Towns of Sedham and Lang-  
ham in Essex.*

*In all Humility sheweth,*

**T**hat the great and manifold dangers and  
distempers of this Kingdome have so sad  
influence upon the hearts of your Majesties  
most loving Subjects: especially upon the Mar-  
chants and Tradesmen in the City of London, who  
are the breath and life of your *Petitioners* Trading,  
that they have discontinued their Trades, and your  
*Petitioners* Cloaths for the most part have lain  
upon their hands for these eighteen months, and  
their stocks therein lain dead, and the many thou-  
sands of poor, whose dependance is wholly upon



the Trade of Clothing not set on work: their cries daily come unto our ears for food, not without threatnings, and some beginning of mutinies; so that unlesse some speedy course be taken for their relief, your *Petitioners* can expect nothing but confusion.

*May it therefore please your Majestie to let fall some words from your gracious lips unto the Parliament; whereby the Marchants and Tradesmen may be encouraged to go on cheerfully with their trades; that so our Clothes may be taken off our hands, the Poor may be set on worke, and the Countie may be setled in Peace.*

*And your Petitioners shall ever pray, the God of Heaven to blesse your Majestie, with a long life, and prosperous Reign, and a happie union and agreement between your Maiestie and your Parliament.*

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## His Majesties Answer,

**T**He aforesaid petition being delivered to his Majesty at *Groennich* upon Thursday last in the afternoon, by some of the chief of the inhabitants of that County: they received a message that the next morning they should receive an Answer. His Majesty himself gave answer unto the Petition (*upon notice given him which were the men that delivered it:*) who spake these words unto them.

Loving subjs, I have received your Petition, and have taken it into consideration, and I will send it to my *Parliament*; whereby you shall have a speedy redresse of all your grievances.

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*To the Honourable the House of Peers now assembled in Parliament.*

*The humble Petition of divers Gentlemen, and other Inhabitants of the County of Suffolke, in the behalfe of themselves, and many thousands of that County, &c.*

*S H E W E T H,*

**T**hat the Petitioners cannot but with great joy take notice of the happy Concord of your honours, with the honourable house of Commons, expressed by their readinesse to put the kingdome in a posture for defence: in passing the Bill against the votes of the Prelates,

In suppressing divers *Innovations* crept into the Church, and multitudes of Monopolies and publike Grievances, and passing divers other Bills of infinite concernment, and benefit to this *Commonwealth* : for which, the Petitioners as members thereof, and partakers of the benefit thereby, do return most humble thanks, and do solemnly professe, that as they are bound, so will they ever endeavor to honour and serve this honourable House, not doubting of your continued Commerce with the *House of Commons* in all their just desires. will to the uttermost of our powers defend you against all *Innovations* upon the power and priviledges of *Parliament*, according to the late publike *Protestation*.

And your Petitioners do most humbly beseech this Honourable House to bee pleased cheerfully to proceed to perfect the Reformatiōs of the Church, by establishing the worship of God, according to his Word : calling out and displacing scandalous Ministers, and *Non-residents*, That due care may be had, that patrons presentable and conscientious Ministers : that you would proceed to sentence *Delinquents*, and evill *Counsellors*, to restrain the Votes of the Popish Lords, to disarm and confine *Refusants*, and that the Lawes against them may be fully executed, to hasten ayd for *Ireland*, to remove the occasions of the generall fears and discontents of the *Commons* of this *Kingdome* : which your *Petitioners* conceive to bee the principall ground of the scope of Trade : especially



cially that of Clothing ; upon which the Estates  
and livelihoods of many thousands do depend, who  
very lately in regard of their wants, by their Spee-  
ches and Jestes have expressed sad intentions of the  
disturbances of our publick peace, if they bee not  
speedily prevented.

*And your Petitioners shall pray, &c.*



*Hjs Majesties Resolution to both Houses of Parliament.*

**H**IS Majestie being very much pressed by the States  
Ambassador to send the Princeesse his Daughter imme-  
diatly into Holland : And being likewise earnestly desired  
by his Royall Consort the Queen. to give her Majesty leave  
to accompany her Daughter thither ; hath thought fit to con-  
sent to both desires, and to make this his Majesties Resolution  
known to his Parliament.



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